

Application No.: 10/797,890

Case No.: 59474US002

REMARKS

Upon entry of the present amendment, claims 1, 6-13, 15, and 16 will be pending. Claims 2-5 and 14 are canceled with the present amendment, without prejudice to their presentation in the concurrently filed continuation application claiming priority to this application.

Applicants note with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 5-12 and 14-16. Applicants have amended the base claims (i.e., claims 1 and 13) to include the limitations of an allowed claim (i.e., claims 5 and 14, respectively). Accordingly, the objections of claims 5-12 and 14-16 for being dependent upon rejected base claims should be withdrawn in view of the above amendment and remarks.

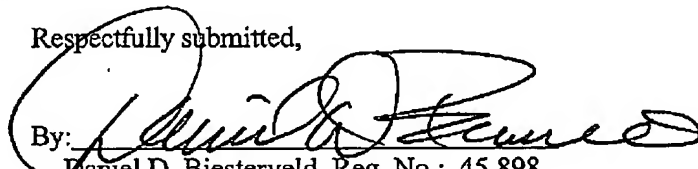
In view of the above, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application is requested. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative with any questions concerning Applicants' application.

Respectfully submitted,

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